

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 921

By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Representative John D. Hood on the celebration of his 75th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those honorable colleagues who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Representative John D. Hood will celebrate his 75th birthday on March 24, 2006 a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, John Hood, a Murfreesboro native, was born on March 24, 1931, and has admirably represented Rutherford County's 48th District in the House of Representatives for five terms; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hood has rendered invaluable service to the citizens of Tennessee as a member of the House Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, the Education Committee, the House Subcommittee on Higher Education, the Joint Lottery Scholarship Committee, and as a member and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Calendar and Rules; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Murfreesboro community, Representative Hood is renowned for his peerless commitment to public service and is highly esteemed by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Murfreesboro Central High School, John Hood worked as a staff announcer for radio station WGNS in Murfreesboro from 1948 to 1954; he graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1954 with a B.S. in Social Science, and in 1974, Mr. Hood received a Masters of Education in Administration and Supervision; and

WHEREAS, from 1954 to 1956, John Hood nobly served his country as a member of the United States Army Security Agency; and

WHEREAS, having completed his military service, Mr. Hood returned to commercial broadcasting in 1956 as Program Director and News Director of radio station WMTS, and in 1960, he joined the Samsonite Corporation as Personnel Manager; and

WHEREAS, John Hood served with distinction at Middle Tennessee State University as Director of Development from 1966 to 1970 and as Administrative Assistant to the President from 1970 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Hood became Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations at SunTrust Bank, and in 1996, he retired after twenty years of laudable service; and

WHEREAS, aptly described as gregarious and enthusiastic, Representative Hood is an active and involved member of society; he is a charter member of the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro, member of the Board and Treasurer of the Rutherford County Emergency Communications District E-911, member of the Board of Directors of the AAA Auto Club South and Chairman of the Tennessee Advisory Board for Auto Club South, member of the Board of Directors and former President of the MTSU Alumni Association, and member of the Chamber of Commerce Diplomats; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood has also served as President of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board and Chairman of the Murfreesboro City Board of Education, member of the Rutherford County Quarterly Court, now the County Commission, President of the Tennessee School Boards Association, Chairman of Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Cultural Arts Commission, and National President of Exchange Clubs of America; and

WHEREAS, John Hood was joined in marriage with Marilyn Stockard on September 6, 1951, and the couple's blessed union produced three children and four grandchildren: sons, Garry and Mark, and daughter, Rebecca Hagan; son-in-law, Thom Hagan; granddaughter, Christin Hagan, a sophomore at Ole Miss; and three grandsons, each of whom is ten years of age, twins, Grady and Cooper, and Robin; and

WHEREAS, while Representative Hood's most favored leisure activity is spending time at family gatherings, he and his wife also enjoy traveling and have especially enjoyed their visits to Mexico and Sanibel Beach; each December, the Hoods enjoy attending the Kennedy Center

Honors in Washington D.C. where their son, Garry, works as the Lead Stage Manager for the annual show; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hood's radio days have served him well as an announcer and master of ceremonies for Walking Horse shows throughout the Southeast, an avocation he describes as the closet thing he has to a hobby; and

WHEREAS, one of Representative Hood's favorite quotes is, "Never forget where you came from or those who brought you."; we would all do well to live by these fitting words; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Representative John D. Hood on the celebration of his 75th birthday, thank him for his distinguished service as the Representative for the 48th House District, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.